Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : Is there any other means of communication through land except this road ?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar : No, Sir.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : In view of the importance of the road may I know whether the raising and metalling of the road will be considered ?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar : Yes, Sir.

Maintenance of the A. V. M. Canal between Thengapattanam and Poovar.

62. ***Mr. M. Sultan Muhiadheen** : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether there is any annual budget allotment for the maintenance of the A. V. M. canal ; and

(*b*) if so whether any work is being done at all towards the maintenance of the same ?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai (*Kalkulam and Vilavancode* cum *Neyyattinkara*) : May I know the amount of the budget allotment for maintenance for the year 1114 ?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar : The allotment was Rs. 880 in 1114.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : Out of this allotment how much amount was spent ?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar : The information regarding the total amount spent for this year will be available only after the end of the year.

The rumoured abolition of the Kalavur Sub-Registry office.

63. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan** (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any idea of abolishing the Kalavur Sub-Registry office ;

(*b*) whether it does not serve the need of a large section of the people ;

(*c*) whether the income derived from the office is not sufficient to maintain the office ;

(*d*) whether there is any minimum fixed in the income of an office for its continuance ; and

(*e*) the shortest distance from any other Sub-Registry office to Kalavur ?

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Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There is no Sub-Registry office by name Kalavur Sub-Registry Office. There is, however one at Mararikulam near Kalavur. There is no proposal to abolish this Office.

(*b*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) do not arise in view of answer to part (*a*).

Amounts spent for the maintenance of roads.

64. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan**: Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether they have budgeted any amount for the maintenance or repair of village roads;

(*b*) if so, whether they have sanctioned any amount for the purpose for Kartikapalli taluk;

(*c*) if so, what that amount is for the year 1114;

(*d*) what amount of this was spent on each village road;

(*e*) whether the amount sanctioned for each road is diverted for the use of another under any circumstances; and

(*f*) if so, under what circumstances?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar: (*a*). Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Rs. 270.

(*d*), (*e*) and (*f*). The grant for individual village roads is too small to do any substantial or useful works in each and hence the allotment is spent in the best manner possible to substantially improve other roads, in the order of importance.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: In respect of answer to part (*d*), (*e*) and (*f*) may I know whether the maintenance allotment however low it may be might not be utilised to improve and repair the rain damages of village roads irrespective of their importance?

Mr S. Sesha Aiyar: There is no objection to do that.

Supply of drinking water.

65. *** Mr. James Fletcher** (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod cum Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was great scarcity of drinking water during the hot season of 1114 in the southern taluks of Travancore.

(*b*) the number of drinking water wells that were newly sunk in those taluks during the year 1114; and

(*c*) whether they have called for a scheme for the construction of drinking water wells necessary for those taluks during the next five years?

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